

**CITY OF MESA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)**  
**February 25th, 2015 Results**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015,  
at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair  
Mark Tompert, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Anderson  
Karen Frias-Long  
Tony Liuzzo  
Frank Johnson  
Cliff Moon  
Talmage Pearce  
Lu Ann Schmidt  
Nadia Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colleen Byron

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate  
Ruth Giese  
Michael Soelberg  
Ray Villa

GUESTS

Brenda Benage

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap began the meeting at 6:00pm.

2. Items from Citizens Present.\*

There were no citizens who requested to speak.

3. Approval of minutes from the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Liuzzo to approve the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting minutes, Mr. Tompert Ms. Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Report.

- Report on police related incidents and activities.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

5. Hear a presentation and discuss the need for and feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley from Marc Community Resources, Inc.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

6. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Youth Diversity Education Team Sub-Committee.

- Provide an update on the April 9, 2015 screening of *The Homestretch*.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap to have Phoenix Pride be a co-sponsor of the April 9, 2015 screening of *The Homestretch*. Ms. Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- Provide an update on the planning of a diversity education project with Baha'i community, Anti-Defamation League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Gay Lesbian Education Network.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Provide an update on exploring and assessing whether bullying is an issue in Mesa.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

7. Hear, and discuss on items presented by the Disabilities Action Team Sub-Committee.

- Provide an update from the Mesa City Court protocol for diverting defendants who have mental health issues, veterans, and/or are homeless.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Provide an update on planning for March 24, 2015 town hall meeting to educate the community on mental health and substance abuse issues

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

8. Discuss, consider and take action on participation in 2015 Pride Parade on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10am.

A motion was made by Ms. Frias- Long to participate in 2015 Pride Parade on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider and take action on One Mesa Community Pledge.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap for HRAB to endorse the One Mesa Pledge. Ms. Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Hear, discuss and take action on conferences and/or meetings.

- Personal finance and nutrition class for the Youth Diversity Education Committee.
- ADA inquires for the ADA Coordinators for the Disabilities Action Team.
- Heston Silbert from Mesa Police Department to discuss hate crimes.
- Bev Tittle-Baker to make presentation on Care Partnership.

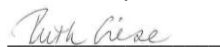
11. Discuss and take action on scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next meeting will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted By:



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